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In re application: **Hughes et al.**

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System Using Multiple Smart Cards**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. A one-month extension of time is believed to be necessary. Please charge the \$110.00 fee for the one-month extension of time to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545.

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.